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Sports & Recreation

A Sporting View

By Mark Vasto

Rose by any other game

After two consecutive years of rather nice “farewell tours” for Mariano Rivera and Derek Jeter, baseball fans have been treated this year to

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SPORTS

Calendar

<b>July 7</b>
• <b>TRC BASEBALL</b> SANDBLASTERS VS POST 20 AT WILLAMETTE U. 2 P.M. (9)
<b>July 8</b>
• <b>TRC BASEBALL</b> SANDBLASTERS HOST POST 20 AT SHS 1 AND 4 P.M. (7) (9)
• <b>FLORENCE</b> <b>SOFTBALL</b> AT MILLER PARK 5:30 AND 7 P.M.

<b>TIDE TABLE</b>	
Entrance Siuslaw River	
High Tide	Low Tide
<b>July 3</b> 12:56am / 7.9 2:27pm / 6.4	7:55am / -1.8 7:55pm / 2.0
<b>July 4</b> 1:42am / 7.7 3:09pm / 6.6	8:37am / -1.7 8:46pm / 1.8
<b>July 5</b> 2:31am / 7.4 3:54pm / 6.8	9:20am / -1.4 9:41pm / 1.6
<b>July 6</b> 3:24am / 6.9 4:40am / 6.9	10:05am / -1.0 10:41pm / 1.5
<b>July 7</b> 4:24am / 6.2 5:29pm / 7.1	10:52am / -0.3 11:48pm / 1.2
<b>July 8</b> 5:31am / 5.7 6:21pm / 7.2	11:44am / 0.4
<b>July 9</b> 6:48am / 5.2 7:15pm / 7.3	12:58am / 1.0 12:41pm / 1.2

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WINNING SMILES



Siuslaw fastpitch softball team members (from left): Katherine Dodson, Cheyenne Datan, Kaitlin Meskimen, Mckenzie Brock, Claire Waggoner, coach Sean O'Mara, Jenicah Ecker, Megan Miller, Chehalis Stinger, Auriel Hager-Tolle, Nikki Launius and Heidi Jones.

Siuslaw wins Newberg tourney title

The Siuslaw 16U summer fastpitch softball team, coached by Sean and Jodi O'Mara, won the championship in the National UFO Weekend Tournament in Newberg on June 27 and 28.

The tournament was the culmination of a 20-game summer softball season for Siuslaw.

The team took second in pool play during the opening round of the tournament, then battled its way through bracket play the following day to reach the championship game against

Corvallis.

Siuslaw had little trouble with The Shock, taking an early lead and defeating Corvallis 12-3 in just four innings due to the mercy rule.

“Our coastal kids showed great resiliency in the 100 degree heat over the weekend,” said Sean O'Mara, who said the team reached its peak performance on the final weekend of the summer softball season.

“It was an incredibly positive end to the summer tournament season,” O'Mara said. “These athletes took a

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— Coach Sean O'Mara

giant step forward in their overall development and in doing what it takes

both on and off the field to demonstrate a winning mentality.”

The 11-member team included Mckenzie Brock and Cheyenne Datan of North Bend, along with Florence residents Katherine Dodson, Jenicah Ecker, Auriel Hager-Tolle, Heidi Jones, Nikki Launius, Kaitlin Meskimen, Megan Miller, Chehalis Stinger and Claire Waggoner.

Absent from the weekend tournament were teammates Nikki Gordon and Anna Stonelake, both of Florence.

Visitors reminded to be ‘fire safe’ in forests

CORVALLIS — With persistently warm and dry weather on the Oregon Coast this spring, Siuslaw National Forest officials have raised the Forest’s fire danger level to “moderate” and are reminding visitors to be mindful of fire safety this summer.

“Although we’re not as prone to wildfires as National Forests in arid regions, the Siuslaw National Forest does have a history of wildfires,” said Dan Eddy, fire management officer. “Steep slopes and thick lay-

ers of organic material on the ground can provide opportunities for wildfires to grow and spread quickly.”

The majority of fires on the Siuslaw National Forest are human-caused, Eddy said.

“Of the 15 recorded incidents we had last year, 14 of them were determined to be human-caused,” he said, citing escaped campfires as the leading cause.

No fire restrictions for the public are in place, but visitors are asked to

- exercise caution when visiting natural areas:
1. Keep campfires small and in an area cleared down to mineral soil
  2. Only burn materials that fit within the campfire ring
  3. Be mindful of overhanging vegetation or limbs
  4. Extinguish all campfires before leaving — even if gone for a short period of time.

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Local players invited to Jubilee Basketball Tourney

As a part of the 2015 North Bend Jubilee, North Bend High School is hosting a coastal basketball tournament.

Anyone who has attend, or is still attending, any Coos County high school, as well as anyone from schools in Florence or Reedsport, is invited to participate.

When registering, participants

will be matched up with other players who attended the same high school to compete against teams from other schools for Coos County bragging rights.

Players both young and old will give the fans something to cheer about.

The tournamnt will be held at North Bend High School on Friday,

July 17, and Saturday, July 18.

The tournament will take place during the North Bend July Jubilee.

For more information, email Travis Parker at travis2215@yahoo.com.

If a player’s high school doesn’t have enough players to field a team, organizers will find a team.

SANDBLASTERS  
SWEPT BY  
ROCKETS

By NED HICKSON  
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After hosting the Mid Valley Rockets Monday for a 5-2 win, the AAA American Legion Sandblasters traveled to Albany Wednesday for a doubleheader on the Rockets’ pad.

This time, Mid Valley was able to hold off the ‘Blasters in both matchups, outscoring Florence by four runs in each game.

In the opener, the Sandblasters kept things close until the Rockets’ offensive left the launch pad and soared to a narrow 15-11 win.

Jonathan Bennison went 2-for-5 at the plate, scoring on a single and knocking a two-RBI home run.

In the nightcap, Bennison’s offensive momentum continued, going 2-for-2 with a double in a losing effort.

The Sandblasters’ next home game will be July 8, when Florence hosts Post 20 for a doubleheader at 1 p.m.

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